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## ORLEANS

Orleans L. A. S. met at the church Thursday, a fine dinner being served to 60. A good attendance at the business meeting, one new member. Next meeting will be the annual meeting and election of officers.

The many friends will be glad to hear Mrs. Wm. Dumper of Easton has heard from her brother, B. F. Conner of Omaha, Neb., formerly of Orleans. He is some better.

Mrs. Ella Frost and sister, Mrs. Bessie Hazlette and daughter of Ron, all visited their mother, Mrs. Mary Wilbur Saturday.

Mrs. George Hoyt is no better. Dr. Vandenberg of Grand Rapids was called last week in consultation.

Mrs. Robert Howe is quite ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Lavery visited her Sunday.

Elder Birdsall went to Jackson on Tuesday to attend the M. E. conference. Mrs. Birdsall and daughters went Thursday.

The next Orleans Farmers' club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young Saturday evening, Sept. 21 with following program: Song by the club, "Red, White and Blue"; reading, Mrs. Howard Noddins; question, "What industry upon the farm is the greatest mortgage lifter?" Discussion by F. T. Flanagan and J. M. York. Music, Mae and Ethel Wilkinsons; paper, "Woman's usefulness in the upbuilding of our nation," Mrs. C. D. Easterbrooks; current events, Mrs. H. Young; question box, Joel Palmer; song, "America." All cordially invited.

Guests at the White home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Abby, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burns, H. P. Young and wife and Fred White of Ionia.

Frank Peabody and family of Ionia spent Saturday night with friends in Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cutting and children, his brother, Glenn Cutting of Homer were Monday night guests of their cousin, Mrs. Alva Pace and family.

Mrs. Anne Treynor and Edna visited Mrs. Parker of Chadwick Sunday. Mrs. Elsie Meade and Mrs. Nora Palmer were in Belding Friday.

Mrs. Ellen Holland visited her son, Theo of Ionia Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Slaybaugh of Jackson were Wednesday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Wilbur.

Mrs. Irene G. Palmer, Anna Spaulding, Nora Palmer and Minnie Gates attended the Eastern Star convention at Lyons and report a fine time.

Miss Verona Pike was an over Sunday guest of friends in Saranac.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilbur spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoppough.

Don Prentice who has had a crippled finger for a long time, tore it out of joint while cranking his auto one day last week.

John Peterson received two carloads of stock last week and sold 20 head to Fred Kendall of Ronald on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John VanGiesen and Ed. Treynor were Saturday and Sunday night guests of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Will Kitson and family of Bostwick lake.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Decker of Ionia were Saturday night guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Decker of East Orleans and Sunday they drove one of the farm horses over to the village to visit friends here.

Dr. Hutchins of Belding was in town on business Monday.

Robert Wardrop left here Monday for Grand Rapids to attend the fair and judge the horses as he has done years before.

Mrs. Joel Palmer and Louis Hall were in Grand Rapids on business Friday.

Born Sept. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Denney, a son, Arthur Lee. Mrs. Denney is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lane of Orleans.

A special meeting of Orleans W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Lillian Holmes Monday, Sept. 16, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the W. C. T. U. county convention to be held at Saranac, Sept. 25 and 26. All members are invited to be present.

## OTISCO ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dimmick, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dimmick and daughter of Belding visited Sunday with Mrs. and Mrs. B. J. Storey.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mehney of Smyrna visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Mehney.

Mrs. Emily Morse visited Sunday with Mrs. Caddie White and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hubbard visited Sunday with E. J. Reeves and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morse and daughter, Gertrude, visited at W. C. Fisk's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Terry and children of Easton spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Swears, Mr. Swears being home over Sunday.

Mrs. Moffitt of Belding visited a part of the past week with Mrs. Lewis Cartridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donner and daughter, Emma visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benton of East Otisco.

Mrs. C. M. Hubbard spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Belding.

Mrs. M. S. Boss, Mrs. Ben Boss and baby spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lucy King of Belding and Miss Neva King of Detroit.

The Red Cross social is postponed indefinitely but Friday evening, Sept. 27 at 8 o'clock Rev. H. Ellis will dedicate a community service flag at the church at Cook's Corners. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Leslie Sykes is visiting this Tuesday with her husband's parent, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sykes of Easton and Mr. and Mrs. Rising with Mr. and Mrs. Rising near Saranac.

Don't forget the Gleaner meeting Thursday, Sept. 26, as there is business before the meeting. Ice cream and cake.

## BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brink of Green, ville visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cobb visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marsh of Ionia visited her father, Sherman Hulbert and family from Saturday till Monday, also calling on Mrs. Chris Choate and Mrs. Chas. Brink.

Mrs. Clarence Snow was a dinner guest of Mrs. M. L. Howe Wednesday.

Mrs. Dell Cobb visited Mrs. Geo. Phillips Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hite Eckert visited Mr. and Mrs. Litter Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Anthony Kohn helped Mrs. John Kohn cook for threshers Friday and Saturday.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis for the watermelon and muskmelon they gave Mrs. M. L. Howe. Their daughter, Grattia visited Mr. and Mrs. Howe Friday evening.

Mr. Yaner of Crystal is putting up a silo for Mr. Hall on the Hinds' farm.

Mrs. Helen Trowbridge and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper Friday and Saturday.

Words are inadequate to express the thanks of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wortley for the beautiful box of asters sent by mail Monday morning.

Mrs. Hite Eckert visited her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Hopkins of Greenville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckert called on Mr. and Mrs. Litter Sunday afternoon.

Will Wiley of Albia visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley over Sunday and Mrs. Wiley returned home with him to visit a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow visited their son Chauncey and family a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harl Eckert and Don Cooper visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper Thursday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Phillips helped Mrs. Henry Dibble cook for threshers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson of Belding and Mrs. Albert Towne and Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Guye visited Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson attended Sunday school Sunday. They went with horse and buggy and used a corn stalk for a whip. Who can beat that?

Miss Olivia Slosser visited her aunt Mrs. Wm. Wilson and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Leach was the supper guest of Mrs. Chris Choate Sunday evening.

Chas. Hathaway of Alma was a caller of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Sunday morning.

Mrs. Clarence Snow visited her son, Clyde Snow and wife of Belding on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips and Margaret Shattuck, and Geo. A. Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Belding Sunday and in the afternoon they all called on Mr. and Mrs. Truman Currie.

Chas. Hathaway visited Miss Hazel Snow Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Wiley helped Mrs. Hite Eckert cook for threshers Saturday.

Mrs. Ernest Anderson and son, Ray J. visited her father, J. D. Strain and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Thursday and Friday.

Miss Lois Wright was the supper guest of Miss Hazel Snow Sunday evening.

## ASHLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Green received word last week that Nelson had arrived safely over seas.

Joe Brown and Chas. Urch are reported improving.

The Ladies' Aid was well attended at Mrs. Ralph Hall's last week. Same officers were reelected. The ladies voted to hold a church fair sometime in the near future to help pay the church encumbrance as the church must be kept up for our boys and girls at home and for the boys when they come back.

Thursday, Sept. 26 has been appointed to clean the church sheds. Picnic dinner. The men are asked to bring hammers, nails and saws.

Mr. and Mr. I. R. Eggleton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beardslee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clifford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harrison.

Orley Wood was home a few days last week, having sprained his wrist while shaking the fire out of his engine.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bird, of Courtland, were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Tutthill.

## RIVER RIDGE

Mrs. Wm. Antcliff, Mrs. Jim Antcliff and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simmons were in Ionia Thursday.

Mrs. Floyd Bush called on Mrs. Wm. Christler Friday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Whitmore called on Mrs. Smith Nichols Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. James Farrar called on Mrs. Floyd Bush Thursday.

Wm. Thompson is on the sick list. Mrs. Jay Kinsman spent Friday with Mrs. M. L. Bidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bidwell received word from John Fisher this week. He is improving slowly after being in the hospital at Camp Custer for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Antcliff called at Ira Parker's Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Farrar spent Sunday at T. H. Antcliff's.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Murray and family were over Sunday guests of Belding friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Antcliff gave a surprise Saturday evening in honor of their son's birthday. About 35 relatives and friends were present and a delicious supper was served and all departed wishing him many more happy birthdays. He received many useful and expensive gifts. The evening was spent with playing games and music, both vocal and instrumental.

Clarence Snow called on T. H. Antcliff Sunday morning.

Wm. T. Summers is moving his family to Belding.

## OAKFIELD

We are having an abundance of rain; don't really need so much for Mr. Farmer would like to get those beans gathered.

The Red Cross workers met Thursday afternoon and did a nice lot of work. They are planning on holding a sale, also serve refreshments. Watch for dates later.

Mrs. J. Wellman took dinner with Mrs. Stults last Saturday.

Mr. S. Haven visited her sister, Mrs. J. Deal last Friday and Saturday. Look out for the Watkins man.

Mahlon Abbott and Chas. Potter have taken their wives to their hearts and homes after being separated several months. We hope their matrimonial voyage will be more calm in the future.

Ambrose Wilkes drove through from Mecosta last week and called on old friends.

Mrs. A. Hansen is laid up with a very sore ankle.

Mrs. Judson Wellman received word that her son, Harry, who is in France, was very seriously wounded about July 31. We hope he will recover.

These gaseous Sundays are quiet affairs but we rather enjoy the quietness.

Registration day brought forth many residents. The day was very quietly observed without any fuss or parade.

## KEENE

A. Sparks called on his uncle, M. D. Hull Sunday afternoon.

Dell Scott called on M. D. Hull Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. Higgins and Mrs. Dodds were in Saranac Saturday.

James Hopkins' children called at Ona Burns' Sunday.

James Hopkins and W. Higgins are helping Floyd Sparks fill his silo.

## NORTH EASTON

Mrs. Phebe Hile was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Krick.

Anna Ward is ill, but is gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Dey E. Holcomb and children visited Mr. and Mrs. George Harris over Sunday.

Lester Huyck visited friends in Grattan Saturday and Sunday.

Hattie Dosey was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Abbie Parmeter and daughter Ada.

Mrs. Charity Power visited Mrs. John Scott Sunday at the home of A. H. Guernsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tingley of Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hall of Shiloh were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Penny.

Chas. Hile spent Saturday evening at Levi Krick's.

"Hearts of The World," the greatest human story ever told, by Dr. W. Griffith, will be shown at the Empress theater, October 7 and 8.

## SMYRNA

No trouble for the rain to fall these days.

It is queer, isn't it, but the weather is almost always wet on a fair week.

Carl Hoppough of Grand Rapids made a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoppough, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Insley were Sunday callers at the home of Henry Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wauken and Robert Dolley of Greenville visited Mrs. Hattie Moe one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks took supper with Orin Hanks and wife Monday night.

C. W. Joslin says all the money he wins playing solitaire he will donate to the kaiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson of Belding were in Smyrna one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duryea of Jasper and Louis Steele and wife of Belding called on Henry Harris and family Wednesday.

Mrs. G. O. Bignell of Belding was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Dicken and brother, Milo Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Ruth Brown of Belding was a Sunday visitor at the home of Ed. Insley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Northway and Mrs. Herbert Mehney were Belding visitors Friday.

Mrs. Mary Gray visited with Mrs. Henry Harris Thursday.

Mrs. Will Dicken is quite ill with hay fever. Her mother, Mrs. John Clark is caring for her.

Glenn Sayles of Fallsburg was a guest at the home of his uncle, E. W. Condon Wednesday night.

Mrs. Mary Tebbel called on Mrs. Chas. Condon Sunday.

A family of 18 small porkers arrived at the farm of Chas. Dumon last week. Seems as if along about Thanksgiving time would be a good date to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dumon.

Ernest Aubill of Seattle, Wash., and Lester Beebe were dinner guests at the home of Sylvester Osborn and wife Thursday.

Wm. Short of Grand Rapids and Silas Short of Kalamazoo arrived Wednesday for a visit with their nephew, Henry Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mehney walked up to Cook's Corners Sunday and visited the former's parents, N. Mehney and wife.

Mrs. Mary Gray was in Belding Monday visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth are moving into Elgin Condon's house across the street from the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hanks went to Crooked lake on a fishing trip Saturday.

Mrs. Amos Russell and Mrs. Effie Itzenhouser were guests of George Davis and family Friday.

Arlo Tebbel was the Sunday guest of John Talbot.

Major F. R. Chase returned home last week from a trip to Portland, Oregon, where he attended the national encampment of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Nellie Marquis went to Detroit Saturday to visit her sister, Miss Myrtle Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Hanks were Sunday guests at the home of Geo. Hanks and wife.

Robert Earle and family, Amos Russell and wife and Mrs. Effie Itzenhouser were in Orleans Sunday, visiting with Frank Loomis and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull returned Monday from visiting a week with relatives in Oakfield, Spencer and Greenville. They say they had a fine time while away.

Mrs. Mary Tebbel, Mrs. George Tebbel and son, Arlo, and Mrs. John Tebbel were in Belding Saturday.

The Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoppough were Chas. Dumon and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dumon.

Ed. Foreman and family of Rockford were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Henry Harris.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earle entertained at a 2 o'clock dinner, Mrs. Effie Itzenhouser of Lakeview, Mrs. A. M. Rogers of Charlotte, Mrs. Geo. Barber of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Carrie Harris and daughter Aldena, and Mrs. Amos Russell.

Mrs. John Purdy accompanied Mrs. R. B. Davis and son, Martin, to Belding Saturday.

Mrs. S. Haven and Northway went to Lowell Saturday to care for a lady and child.

Mrs. A. M. Rogers of Charlotte and Mrs. Geo. Barber of Kalamazoo visited Henry Harris and family from Thursday till Monday.

Mrs. Geo. Tebbel walked up the railroad track Sunday as far as high banks where she enjoyed a picnic dinner with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mills and their son, Joe Mills, wife and son, Meredith, all of Bushnell.

Mrs. Helen Purdy and Mrs. MacFarlane were Sunday guests of Mrs. Hattie Moe.

Mrs. Sylvester Osborn went fishing Sunday. She fished from the bridge and caught on 3-pound bass and two smaller ones and Monday entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dumon and Fred Dumon and wife at a fish dinner. Sorry you were not there? Of course you are.

Carroll Chase of New York is visiting his father, Major F. R. Chase and calling on old-time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks called on Fred Spencer and wife Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Harris, Mrs. A. M. Rogers and Mrs. George Barber were in Belding Friday visiting Mrs. Rogers' niece, Mrs. Geo. Forman.

J. Milton Earle of Detroit, who was called here by the death of his brother, Backus Earle, arrived Monday evening and is the guest of his son, Robert Earle and wife and sister, Miss Fannie Earle.

Backus Earle passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fannie Earle Saturday night at midnight, Sept. 14, 1918, after a lingering illness from pernicious anemia. A. Backus Earle, eldest son of the late James M. Earle, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., April 24, 1848, and with his parents, brother and sisters came to Michigan in 1868, Ionia county being the place of residence. The greater part of his life thereafter, himself and wife resided in Belding a number of years and were well known there as well as in Smyrna. His brother and sister, two nephews and a niece are the only near relatives surviving.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. W. A. Bliss of Belding were held at his late home Tuesday afternoon and he was laid at rest in Smyrna cemetery.

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tery by the side of his wife who passed away about two and a half years ago.

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To feed the allies that they may continue to fight.

To feed the hungry in Belgium and other lands that they may continue to live.

To feed our own sailors at sea and our soldiers overseas that they may want nothing.

To keep prices steady and the flow of distribution even that the poor at home may be fed.

To make everyone's effort count its utmost for winning the war for freedom.

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## Results of first year of food administration.

Wheat exports (since July 1): Estimated surplus for export 20,000,000 bushels; actual shipments to June, 120,000,000 bushels.

Beef exports: Ordinary rate one to two million pounds monthly; largest single month this year, 87,000,000 lbs.

Pork exports: ordinary rate, 50,000,0